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THE WEATHER

Western Oregon and Washington—Showers possibly attended by warmer; warmer.

Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho—Showers and thunderstorms; cooler.

THAT COMMON POINT.

Astoria has no particular interest in the grain rate that shall apply to the city of Portland in the future and cares nothing if that city shall get her grain without any tolls whatever. What this city and port wants is the seaboard-terminal, common-point rate on grain from the interior, that applies to the Sound cities and San Francisco. We are entitled to it to put us on an equal and just footing for the shipment of grain hence, foreign; and we are going after it steadily and consistently.

The day is not far distant when the right of Astoria to this rate is to be tried out and the effort will cover the whole range of fight and appeal, hence, to railroad and Government headquarters.

The Oregonian sets up the feeble plea that to ship grain 100 miles further down the river on a down-grade, water-level haul, on the same train that brings it to her doors, must of a verity add materially to the cost of transit; but fails to mention why it does not increase the rate over the heavy, short-train grades, that lead into Seattle and Tacoma on an undisturbed margin; nor what becomes of the ship's expense-bills over that same 100 miles when she goes to the metropolis after the grain she might load within 11 miles of her office; nor that her transit is doubled on the river as against her brief detention and clogging here.

It will all come in due time; and we shall be glad to see Portland get the benefit of any and all differentials that may fall to her; but for the sake of the Eastern Oregon farmer and his neighboring compeer of Idaho and Montana, we want the "common-point," along with the grain, or so much of it as can be handled out of this port with despatch and economy. That is all we ask.

The first ship loaded out of Astoria will fix the business at this port for all time to come, however slow it may be in maturing as a policy.

LOCAL OPTION FLURRY.

The law of the land has placed in the hands of the people a weapon of rebuke and reprisal devised to operate exclusively against the saloon interests of every community in Oregon when there shall be a demand for its application, to-wit, the local option law.

Like all other special laws it should be used with exceeding care and timeliness; sentiment is not all there is to the application of the law; there are always the elements of justice and fair-dealing and orderliness, in the invoking of these peculiar and definite edicts, these single idea processes, wherewith society is invested; and the spirit behind their establishment is not one of devastation and obliteration, but rather that of an agency to compel and maintain that regulation that makes all businesses decent and fairly acceptable to society.

It is safe to say that an extraordinary majority of the population of this city and county are not in favor of the exercise of this law at any time, if the saloon people will obey the other phases of the law regulating their business; the main thing always, in the treatment of these phases of public expression, is not to invoke them in the first place; to stand pat upon the laws already in force and do the simple and honest trick of obeying, where obedience is the cheapest and easiest, as well as the legal, thing to do.

The law says, just now, that the

saloons of Astoria must close hermetically on Sunday, and for the 24 hours of that day. If that law is obeyed the intervention of the harsher code need not, and will not, be resorted to; for it is not the wish of the whole people to drive a law-abiding business out of existence; but the constant and defiant breaking of that law invites the greater force and summary terms of local option, and the saloon man has himself to thank for all that follows. No business that cannot be regulated by decent limitations has any right to existence and prosperity and the sooner this is understood to be the conclusion of the people generally, the better it will be for all concerned.

We believe the moment to be opportune for the introduction of the local option program to the business centre of Astoria; there are too many large and valuable business projects afoot that are liable to be frustrated and even annihilated; and the men to adjust the matter at once, and perhaps for all time, are the saloon men who have heretofore refused to close their doors when the law bade them, a course of action at once an injustice to the men in that business who are trying to observe the rule, and an insolent challenge to the people and the power they hold in reserve.

Wherefore, obey the law, and we are with you; break it, and we are against you!

POLITICAL GHOSTS.

It is high time that Astoria was exorcising its political ghost!

It has hung spectrally over her best interests for time out of mind and warped her best prospects and ambitions until they have fallen unserved and futile; it has denied and denuded her industrially, commercially and politically; it has thrust its dismal and grisly hand in the path of her progress and barred her from achievement so often that she has come to feel there is no such thing as success, nor compensated enterprise, nor a definite share for her in the good things of the day.

It is the ghost of selfishness that stalks in all towns and cities of less than metropolitan dimension; the incarnate type of bossism; the "leading citizen" who uses his advanced position to swing all things to his net and nest; the "boss" who bends everything to his peculiar sphere and makes his sanction and support the issue of the hour; the man and men who put their personal interests first and before the public needs and values; whose only idea in the disposition of large and popular concerns, is where they touch the line of his private domain and personal relationship, with no further thought of its wider and wholesomer bearing; whose sole use for the masterly position that time and public confidence has conferred upon him, is the right to dictate to those who have honored him, for the saving and bolstering of his especial aims and holdings.

Astoria must divorce business and politics.

She must shake off the hold of the selfish leader and hark back to the commoner and happier code of working out the general good rather than conserving the particular and private interests of her "ghosts." The sooner she disclaims and ignores this type of niggardly public spirit the better for all concerned, even for the man and men who have been used to dictating her courses and her failures.

She must rise above the one-man plane and do her commercial and industrial stunts without taking cognizance of the toes she is standing on in the course of the task. What serves the whole city serves its best and least citizen, and while the advantage is common and at times indeterminate, all hands must stand pat, make the most of it, and be glad it is done.

Chuck the political ghost of restricted, selfish domination, and move forward on all honest and promising lines with Astoria for a slogan in place of some man's personally inspired whisper, however influential he may be reckoned. Astoria first, then the private citizen!

Let's wash the slate!

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Many Parisians bathe in big bath houses, which line the Seine. In places these houses occupy a greater part of the river. But if a Parisian wants a hot bath at home, he turns to the peripatetic bath tub. This originates in a bathing establishment of which there are many. The bath man, as he leaves this establishment, has two straps over his shoulders and he stands between the shafts of a two-wheeled cart. On this cart is a tank surmounted by a substantial bath tub, provided with castors. In front of the tank hangs two large metal buckets and a yoke. The bath man draws this apparatus through the streets to your house.

When you want a hot tub, you order one delivered at a time fixed. The bath man comes around with his apparatus, stops in front of your house, lifts the tub from the top of the tank, puts it over his head like a hood and carries it upstairs to your room. Returning to the street he draws hot water in the buckets, hangs them at each end of the yoke which he carries across his shoulders, and so conveys water to the tub. When the tub is full he retires and you take your bath. Then he comes upstairs, empties the tub by means of his buckets and carries the tub and buckets away. His passage through the streets is an everyday sight to the Parisian and arouses no comment.—Technical World Magazine.

SOLDIERS' WILL FLY.

Three flying machines have been accepted by the War Department, and trials of them will be made some time in June or July, at Fort Myer, Virginia, across the Potomac from the city of Washington, so writes

Rene Bache in the Technical World Magazine for May. That military post is situated on the top of a considerable hill which affords an extensive area of level ground most suitable for tests of the kind demanded.

All three of the machines are operated on the aeroplane principle. That is to say, they have no gas bag, and depend for their flying power upon huge wings. They are, in short, artificial birds of huge size, and utilize the air currents to uphold them while aloft, the power of propulsion being furnished by automobile engines of a type which economizes bulk and weight to the utmost practical extent.

In these respects the three accepted machines are alike. In details of their construction, however, they differ widely from each other. But it is not possible to describe them save in such general terms, because everything that relates to them is being kept carefully secret. Models of them have not been submitted to the War Department, but such plans as have been offered are regarded as strictly confidential under the terms of the contracts made by the government with the inventors.

The first of the three contrivances, for which contracts have been signed, is the invention of the Wright Bros., of Dayton, Ohio. Their bid was \$25,000, for the construction of an aeroplane machine which should be satisfactory to the War Department experts. The second accepted bid was that of A. M. Herring, of No. 1931 Broadway, New York, the price to be \$20,000.

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